

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1979

March 26, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants special school district boards of education the power of eminent domain.

Under current law the state and various instrumentalities of the state, including cities, counties and local boards of education have powers of eminent domain.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes the bill would have minimal impact since it is merely adding a similar entity (special school districts) to an existing group (city and county school districts) that already have the power of eminent domain.

This estimate further assumes that the addition of this entity to the existing group of school districts, will not increase the total amount of land taken for public school purposes.

Note: To the extent a special school district, which would have the power of eminent domain under this bill, chooses to exercise its right to take and use the property of individuals or private corporations for public school purposes, local expenditures would increase. This is based on the assumption that land to be taken would be appraised and a fair cash valuation would be determined, either by agreement or through litigation, and such amount would be paid to the land owner.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

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James W. White, Executive Director